

DECISION



119523
THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

FILE: B-208838

DATE: September 21, 1982

MATTER OF: La Pasada Halfway House

DIGEST:

Protester's hand-carried proposal delivered after the time specified in the solicitation for receipt of proposals was properly rejected.

La Pasada Halfway House (La Pasada) protests the Department of Justice, Federal Prison System's refusal to consider its proposal under request for proposals (RFP) No. 276-025. Because it is clear from La Pasada's initial submission that its protest is without legal merit, it is summarily denied.

The time and date set by the RFP for receipt of proposals was 2:00 P.M., August 2, 1982. La Pasada states that its proposal was not delivered until 2:05 P.M. on August 2, 1982, because of parking difficulties encountered by its private carrier. It requests, however, that we direct that its proposal be considered notwithstanding its late arrival.

In order for a proposal to be eligible for consideration it must be submitted no later than the exact time set by the RFP for the receipt of proposals. Moreover, we have held that it is the offeror's responsibility to insure the timely delivery of its proposal. Advance Business Service Inc., B-204940, October 28, 1981, 81-2 CPD 359. Since La Pasada's hand-carried proposal was not received until after the time set for receipt of proposals, rejection of the proposal was proper.

The protest is summarily denied.

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for Comptroller General
of the United States